

**REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Iron County was held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. in the Road Commission office at 800 W. Franklin Street, Iron River, Michigan.

Chairman Frailing led the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the meeting.

Present for the roll call were Chairman Ron Frailing, Commissioners Ernie Schmidt, Chuck Battan, and Jim Cihak. Also present were Interim Supr./ Mngr. Brad Toivonen, Finance Director Michelle Johnson, HR-PR Administrator Patti Leonoff, Shop Foreman Dean Stolberg, Interim Foreman Dylan La May, Dave Smith, Mastodon Twp. Trustee, Iron County Commissioner Ean Bruette and Crystal Falls Twp. Supervisor Scott Kenney. Vice-Chairman Dan Germic was absent.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Accepted the agenda in a motion from Commissioner Schmidt, supported by Cihak.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**MINUTES TO BE APPROVED**

The following minutes were presented: Audit of July 18, 2023

A motion by Commissioner Battan, supported by Schmidt to accept the audit minutes.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The following minutes were presented: Regular of July 18, 2023

The motion by Commissioner Battan, supported by Cihak to accept the regular minutes.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED**

The disbursements to be approved included:

a. Payrolls of:	\$ 225,547.31
b. Prepaid Claims of:	178,983.78
c. Accounts Payables of:	161,983.62

Total:	\$ 566,514.71
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It was motioned by Schmidt, supported by Cihak to approve the Audit Committee Report dated July 31, 2023, covering the above disbursements.

Roll call vote: Ayes- Schmidt, Cihak, Battan, Frailing

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Interim Supr. Toivonen then reviewed his report:

Fuel Tank Update- Fuel prices from the most recent delivery were provided.

Gravel-Iron Hills Pit crushing was completed July 28, 2023. Crushing began at Oss and is expected to be complete next week.

**Primary Roads:**

Baumgartner PH4-Had a meeting with the new MDOT Engineer Representative July 24<sup>th</sup>; requested changes were made and resubmitted.

Stager Lake Rd./ Stager Lake Park-Chad Skinner has been in contact and wants to move forward with radar speed limit signs for this year. Brad also plans to do a site visit to determine where the signs will be placed.

FHWA- All 18 site estimates and completed repair work were submitted to MDOT for review on July 28<sup>th</sup>. MDOT wants to set up a meeting to go over additional information they will require.

Camp 5 Rd-We will be continuing where we left off a few years ago, pulling in sides and grader ditching.

**Local Roads:**

McClaren was chip-sealed August 8<sup>th</sup>, with the fog seal to be done in the next week or two. The graveling on Bara Rd will begin after Labor Day and clearing will start either today or tomorrow on University Rd. Tree marking was done yesterday, and while there are some concerns from residents about losing the tree canopy, Brad feels this project is being done in the best way possible for the road.

Employment- We have been in contact with the Teamsters Representative regarding the creation of a sick leave bank for employees but received word yesterday that with the Teamsters insurance it cannot be done. They already have a "six-week benefit bank" that covers six weeks of insurance that kicks in after all leave is exhausted that a leave bank would interfere with.

The job posting for Civil Engineer/ Construction Manager is up on MTU's career list website in addition to the local printed newspapers. If we do not get a response by December, may post on job boards with other Michigan universities and job fairs.

**Bridges:**

FH-16 Bridges -Ayers has designed plans for engineering and will be bidding out the work.

Wild Rivers-Iron River- All grant paperwork and agreements have been signed by UPEA, UP Pipe, Superior Watershed Partnership, and the ICRC. UPEA engineering design agreement was signed as well.

**General/Misc:**

Fiber Optics/ Permitting- There are still issues with the permits being submitted with either too little or incorrect information. Additionally, in looking at the information that is being submitted, it is apparent that roads are not actually being looked at by the contractor prior to submitting the permits. Jeff Ball, GEI Consulting, is working with Gogebic Road Commission as a third-party inspector for this same project and he gave the Board a synopsis of the problems they have run into with permits not being followed, substandard work and the challenges Gogebic has faced. He offered to have GEI take on the role of third-party inspector for ICRC as well. The contract for the inspections and the time incurred in the review and permit approval process will all be included in the contract with AEG for permitting the fiber optic project in addition to the actual permit fee.

Brad attended the MCRCSIP Workshop on July 18<sup>th</sup> where there were three attorneys discussing items such as Harassment, racism, preparing for cases, etc.

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The Michigan Dept. of Treasury awarded the Iron County Road Commission \$851,132 from the Protecting Michigan Pension Grant Program.

Drain Commissioner: We received a FOIA requesting photos and maintenance records at outlet and downstream of the existing Sunset Lake dam. Was able to get the Drain Commission records from the Courthouse and respond to the FOIA request. We have also received a few calls about high water at the Fortune Lake dam due to issues with beavers.

### **DELEGATIONS**

Crystal Falls Supervisor Scott Kenney relayed that he had received phone calls after the completion of the Long Lake Rd project, thanking the Township and Road Commission for a great job. He also asked about any updates on the bridge between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Fortune. Brad informed him that we will not know anything until October as MDOT is still going through the funding application process.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **DRAIN COMMISSIONER**

Interim Supr. Toivonen brought up requesting the County Board take over the Drain Commissioner duties and asked County Commissioner Bruette to get some information about the steps that need to be taken to reinstate the elected position in time for the 2024 election.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **MDOT ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF EMPLOYEE-RELATED CONDITIONS**

Motion by Commissioner Schmidt, supported by Battan sign and submit the MDOT Annual Certification of Employee Related Conditions.

Ayes: All

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

### **2024 TANDEM AXEL TRUCK CHASSIS BIDS**

Shop Foreman Stolberg summarized the bids received from UP International Trucks and UP Truck Center. Representatives from both vendors were in attendance. Mark Winkler, UP International, affirmed the quoted price included the rebates as they were now able to be directly applied to the purchase price and that the price would not increase just prior to the build as they had in the prior round of bidding. Todd, UP Truck Center, offered info on some of the previous issues with Western Star and wiring.

A motion was made by Commissioner Battan, supported by Cihak, to award the bid to UP International Trucks, in the amount of \$154,747 to purchase one 2024 International HX520, and table the possible purchase of a second one.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Cihak, Battan, Frailing

Nays: Schmidt

Motion carried.

**MERS UPDATE**

Finance Director Johnson updated the Board on the returns received for the first two quarters of 2023 and reiterated that the Road Commission was awarded funds from the Protecting Michigan Pension Grant.

**2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT #2**

Finance Director Johnson presented the second budget amendments for 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Cihak, supported by Schmidt to accept the amendments as presented.

Roll call vote: Battan, Schmidt, Cihak, Frailing

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**RESORT DRIVE-HERITAGE TRAIL**

Interim Supr. Toivonen explained that a letter is needed from the Road Commission and MDOT to allow the trail in the right-of-way to complete the next steps of the grant application. Scott Kenney, Crystal Falls Township Supervisor, further explained the trail and that the letters were needed for their scheduled meeting with MDNR. Brad presented the proposed letter of support and the allowance of the trail to be in the Road Commission right-of-way.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidt, supported by Cihak to approve the letter of support for the Heritage Trail and allow the trail in the right-of-way.

Ayes: All

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

**CRASIF 2023 BOARD OF TRUSTEES BALLOT**

Motion by Commissioner Cihak, supported by Schmidt to place a vote for all three Incumbent Candidates.

Ayes: All

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

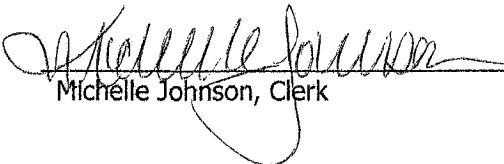
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**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

None.

At 9:52 a.m. with no further business to come before the Board, it was motioned by Schmidt supported by Battan to adjourn.

  
Ron Frailing, Chairman

  
Michelle Johnson, Clerk

## Iron County Road Commission 2023-2 Tandem Axle Truck Chassis

	UP International Trucks (Iron Mountain)		UP Truck Center (Quinnesec)	Truck Country (Minocqua)
	2024 International HX520	2024 International HV 615	2024 Western Star 47X Series	2025 Frieghtliner 114SD
Chassis Only	\$154,747.00	No Bid	\$154,900.00	No Bid
Feb/2022 bid price	\$156,000.00	\$151,000.00	\$147,850.00	\$156,950.00
	UP International Trucks P.O. Box 883 Iron Mountain, MI 49801 Mark Winkler 920-621-4085 <a href="mailto:mwinkler@pcltrucks.com">mwinkler@pcltrucks.com</a>		UP Truck Center, Inc P.O. Box 261 Quinnesec, MI 49876 Todd Johnson 906-774-0098 <a href="mailto:todd@uptruckcenter.com">todd@uptruckcenter.com</a>	

Warranty Information

Total vehicle	1 Year/ Unlimited	Optional extended Warranty	1 Year/ Unlimited	Optional extended Warranty
Engine	5 Year/250,000		5 Year/300,000	
Transmission	3 Year/Unlimited		5 Year/Unlimited	
Frame	5 Year/Unlimited		5 Year/Unlimited	
Front Axle	5 Year/200,000		3 Year/300,000	
Rear Axle	5 Year/200,000		5 Year/200,000	
Radiator	1 Year/ Unlimited		1 Year/ Unlimited	

Details

Engine Make	Cummins X15		Cummins X12	
Driveline Make	Spicer Dana		Dana Spicer SPL250HT	
Front Axle	Meritor		Detroit DAF20.0-5	
Rear Axle	Meritor		Meritor RT46-160	
Steering	Shepherd M-Series		Bendix	
450 H.P. (min)	450 Min H.p.		450 Min H.p.	

Deviations

Spec vs (supplied)				
Stainless Steel Oil Pan	No		No	
Silicone Radiator Hoses	No w/ st pipe		Yes	
Shift Control	Toggle Shift		Dash mount p/button	
Frame	No front hooks		No outer Channel single frame	
Front Axle Springs	23K /Taper leaf		23K Flat leaf	
Aux Air Bags (adjust)	No		No	
Stainless Steering lines	No		Yes	
Spare Wheels	1FR Yes; 2 Rear Yes		1FR Yes; Rear 1 Yes	
Tires	Michellin		Michellin	
Air Tanks	Steel		Aluminum	
Mud flaps	Spec		Fr Yes; Rear No	
Cab	Glvanized Steel		Aluminum	
	UP International Trucks (Iron Mountain)		UP Truck Center (Quinnesec)	

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<u>Deviations (cont'd)</u>	2024 International HX520		2024 Western Star 47X Series	
Defroster Fan; Left	No		No	
Suspension Pr Gauge	Yes		No	
Passenger Arm Rest	No		No	
Heated Windshield	Yes		No	
Wirng Sys PT-PT	Yes		Multiplex	
Maunals	Yes		On-Line	

Delivery

6/1/2024 Truck 1 & 2		Feb to April 2024: Q1 Truck 1 & 2	
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Other Notes: